



## The Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness

Chairman Dan Burton (R ~ IN)

<http://www.house.gov/reform>



For Immediate Release:  
May 2, 2003

Contact: Nick Mutton  
(202) 225-2276

### **\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

### ***Rep. Burton and Leading Scientists To Announce Findings of New Mercury-Autism Correlation Studies: “A Causal Relationship Appears To Be Established”***

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN-5), Chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, will join a panel of scientists, medical researchers, and parents who are convening from across the nation in Chicago, Illinois, this weekend to present evidence from recently or soon-to-be released studies linking autism with the mercury-based preservative thimerosal. At the press conference, Chairman Burton will make available, for the first time to the general public, the Executive Summary and Key Findings portions of his Human Rights and Wellness Subcommittee staff report, entitled “Mercury in Medicine - Taking Unnecessary Risks.”

**WHO:** *Dan Burton (R-IN-5), Chairman*  
*House Government Reform Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness*  
*Dr. Boyd Haley, Professor and Chair, Department of Chemistry*  
*University of Kentucky*  
*Dr. James Adams, Professor, Chemical and Materials Engineering Department*  
*Arizona State University*  
*Dr. Mark Geier, President*  
*The Genetic Centers of America*

**WHAT:** Autism One Press Conference – “Thimerosal in Vaccines and Autism”

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 3, 2003, from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (Congressman Burton is scheduled to speak last at the press conference)

**WHERE:** Loyola University, Chicago – Rubloff Auditorium at 25 East Pearson Street

*An advance copy of the Executive Summary and Key Findings portions of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness staff report, entitled “Mercury in Medicine – Taking Unnecessary Risks,” is attached to this press release on an embargoed basis until 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 3, 2003. For more information on Chairman Burton’s legislative and investigative efforts into the autism epidemic and vaccine safety, please visit the Government Reform Committee website at [www.house.gov/reform](http://www.house.gov/reform) and click on the link to the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress.*